

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to establish provisions regarding supplemental Medicaid reimbursement for Ground Emergency Medical Transportation. Ambulance services provide more uncompensated care than any other major health care provider. Currently, Medicaid only reimburses approximately a quarter of the true cost of ground emergency medical transport. Supplemental reimbursement would help to further cover the true cost of emergency medical services and greatly benefit rural areas with less access to emergency medical care, without a cost to either the state or local municipalities.

## FISCAL NOTE

Supplemental reimbursement will be provided without any expenditure to the general fund. An eligible provider as a condition of receiving supplemental reimbursement pursuant to this legislation shall enter into, and maintain, an agreement with the Division of Medicaid for the purposes of implementing this legislation and reimbursing the department for the costs of administering this program. This will require federal funds spending authority with an estimated impact of \$20 million dollars annually.

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